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FOR: BIOCHIP AND BIOCHIP KIT, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated September 13, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I (Claims 1-29, 30, and 31).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.